Brackish Water Aquaculture

4134. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any Central scheme on brackish water aquaculture in the country particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken in that direction during last three years and particularly after the last cyclone, and

(c) the details thereof alongwith the target set for the next three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Integrated Coastal Aquaculture which contains a package of technical, financial and extension support to shrimp growers is under implementation through Brackish water Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDAs) in the country. In Orissa seven BFDAs have been set up in the coastal districts of Kendrapada, Ganjam, Khurda, Puri. Jagatsinghpur, Balasore and Bhadrak. A sum of Rs. 60.98 lakhs was released by the Centre to Government of Orissa under the Scheme during the last three years, and the State Government has brought under scientific shrimp farming an area of 122.48 ha and has trained 436 beneficiaries. The State Government has informed that necessary restoration programme in the cyclone affected brackishwater unit has been taken up by the concerned shrimp farmers.

(c) Targets set for the next three years are :

Year	Areas to be covered (ha.)	Beneficiaries to be Trained (nos.)
2000-2001	100	210
2001-2002	150	210
2002-2003	200	210

Financial assistance to food processing industries in Gujarat

† 4135. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any financial assistance to food processing industries in Gujarat;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some projects are pending with Government for approval; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (d) Financial assistance in the form of soft loan and Grant is provided to Non-Governmental Organisations/ Voluntary Organisations, Cooperatives, Public Sector Undertakings, Human Resource Development and Research & Development Institutions for the development of Processed Food Sector in the country. These Schemes are project oriented and not state specific.

During the period 1997-98 to 1999-2000, financial assistance to the tune of about Rs. 2.10 crores was provided in respect of proposals received from Gujarat.

No proposal from Gujarat complete in all respects is pending consideration.

World Bank assistance on Shrimp Culture

4136. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank are assisting projects on Shrimp and Fish culture in reservoirs/ox bow lakes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, details in respect of Orissa where the same have been or being projected and achievements made ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank assisted Shrimp and Fish Culture Project (Cr. 2329-IN) is under implementation in the State of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. Inland fisheries component of the Project i.e. reservoir/oxbow lake development has been taken up in all these States except West Bengal. The number of reservoirs/oxbow lakes covered under the project and the net water area developed in each State including Orissa are given in the statement.